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Nanking's Main Aim: Crush Communists

Shanghai, Sept. 14. The crushing of the Chinese Communists as an armed political party in a fight in which "there will be no half measures" has been made the first and foremost aim of the Chinese Government in its programme to establish a stable political and economic structure in China.

This was revealed with the simultaneous release in Nanking and Shanghai this afternoon of a long document which the Chinese Government handed to Lieutenant-General Albert C. Wedemeyer on August 16 in reply to a request from President Truman's special fact-finding envoy for some statement setting forth constructive steps it had taken since V-J Day in the political, economic, educational and social spheres.

"The Chinese Government fully realizes that the success or failure of this fight against the Communist peril will not only decide its own fate but also the life and death of China as a sovereign power," the statement declared.

In fact, the outcome of the struggle is bound up with the peace and security of the whole of the Far East.

The document also revealed that China's leaders had decided:

1. That the menace of inflation must be brought under control; there should be no further delay in the initiation of an effective programme in this regard because this is the very root of the many political, economic and social ills.

2. That in the provinces which have been freed from the Communist menace economic rehabilitation work must be intensified as far as the resources of the Government permit. This must be accompanied by a necessary political reform in the local governments.

3. That the Government must pursue its political goal, which is the building up of a democratic constitutional government without fear or hesitation.

"Whatever difficulties the present Communist rebellion and other political factors may cause to the accomplishment of this task, the Government must proceed to give effect to the constitution adopted at the end of last year.

"No ideal form of democracy is built in a day, and it is the consensus of the Government that the best way to achieve it is to start it as soon as one can."

The document said that to appraise the constructive work that has been accomplished, it is important to bear in mind the extraordinary tasks and difficulties which confronted China at the end of the war with Japan, which included:

1. The continued rebellion of the Communist Party with its huge armed forces.

2. The legacy of wartime inflation.

3. The lack of transportation facilities caused by the destruction of 90 per cent of China's railroads and much of China's inland transportation system.

4. The need for the rehabilitation of its rural economy after eight years of neglect and devastation.

5. The necessity of repatriating 1,000,000 Japanese soldiers and demobilizing 600,000 puppet government soldiers in various parts of the country; and

6. Putting into effect the political commitments made by the Government during the war including the drafting and adoption of a new constitution, the termination of one-party rule, and the lifting of censorship.

"Unless we recognized this background of the extraordinary difficulties and the tasks which confronted China at the end of the war, it will be difficult to evaluate what has been

General Strike Order

Rome, Sept. 13. Labour's anti-government campaign today dealt Premier Alcide de Gasperi's non-Leftist Cabinet one of the worst blows of the troubled week with a general strike order to 850,000 workers.

At the same time, other weary hordes—of Moslems—are travelling from many parts of India towards Lahore. (AP Photo)

NANKING CURFEW Communists Active 50 Miles Away

Nanking, Sept. 14. A spokesman for the Nanking Naval Base Command confirmed today the imposition nightly of a curfew in Nanking suburbs and all traffic on the Yangtze above this port. Reports are current that Communist raiders, under the Command of General Liu Po-cheng, are operating along the Yangtze little more than 50 miles from here.

While military observers saw no threat to the security of the capital in the presence of the one-eyed Red leader's forces, they conceded that the security measures, including the curfew, indicate the Government is seriously concerned with Gen. Liu's activities since he was driven from western Shantung a month ago.

Meanwhile, military sources said the Red raiders replenished their dwindling stocks of arms and ammunition by seizing a

Government arsenal at Luan (Western Anhwei) where the Nationalists had stored more than 150,000 rifles, a considerable amount of ammunition, and other military supplies surrendered by the Japanese forces at the end of the war.

Usually well informed military sources said that the Government forces which recaptured Luan shortly after it fell to the Reds found its ammunition dump and armoury empty.

The communists had carried away the arms which the Nationalist commanders planned to use to equip a new Army Group in this area.

A naval spokesman said the curfew, effective from yesterday, closed all river traffic above Nanking and prohibited movement of the inhabitants of the capital's river suburbs from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m.

Observers saw little likelihood of Gen. Liu Po-cheng attempting to extend the operations of his "hit and run" forces eastward across the river, since the whole strategy of the fast-moving commander appears to be to strike lightly at Government-held positions, then flee before the Nationalist forces are able to converge on his position.

Chinese strategists studying the Red general's moves believe he will either move into mountain hideouts in central Kiangsi—where the Reds started their famous "1,000-mile march"—to Yenan 10 years ago—or continue southward in an attempt to join General Li Chieh-hsi's troops and establish new bases in the Kwangsi Province.

Reports reaching here say that units of Gen. Liu's command which were operating over a wide area were seen near Nanking in Anhwei and Kuangsi in Kiangsi, both important Yangtze River ports. The latter is an airport for Kailing, the strategic capital—was cited.

"New Stage"

Shanghai, Sept. 14. Following yesterday's New China News Agency editorial broadcast by the Communist radio, the Chinese Reds announced today that a "new stage in China's military and political situation will come about as a result of the new all-out counter-offensive."

The Communists said that attacks will be staged "all along the southern front" (Kweichow and North China)—United Press.

The Rev. Frederick May Eliot, President of the American Unitarian Association, proposed "a united liberal church in America to include religious liberals in a word fellowship."

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More Weary Refugees



This is a typical scene on the Lahore/Ferozepore Road, as many thousands of Sikh-Hindu refugees trek from Pakistan into India, carrying their belongings with them. There is no rest for the weary during the long trek eastward and many have been killed in clashes with Moslems. At the same time, other weary hordes—of Moslems—are travelling from many parts of India towards Lahore. (AP Photo)

U.S. FOOD PRICES

Washington, Sept. 13. The influential daily, Washington Post, today called for a return to food rationing in the United States.

"The upsurge in food prices will, if not checked, have a disastrous effect on our domestic economy and will drastically reduce the amount of aid to give the peoples of Western Europe," the article stated.

—United Press.

Police Shoot Man Dead

Fung Kam-wing, 22, was fatally shot by Sub-Inspector Ng Ying-fan shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday in Nathan Road opposite the Mong Kok Police Station. He was making a desperate attempt to escape from Police custody.

At approximately 8 a.m. yesterday a lorry was reported stolen from outside a shop in Argyle Street. A report circulated by the Police resulted in the lorry (5385) being stopped at Chick's Bridge, New Territory, with it alleged, the deceased driving it.

Fung was arrested at 9.30 a.m. and taken to Mong Kok Police Station at 1.30 p.m. to be charged with larceny of the lorry. It was while he was in the Charge Room that he made a bold bid for freedom.

Chase was given by Chinese detectives, the Station Guard, and Sub-Inspector Ng, who was then on duty. The fugitive ran up Mong Kok Road and then doubled back into Nathan Road.

Opposite the Police Station, S/I Ng opened fire, hitting Fung in the back. He fell and was put into the ambulance summoned by Detective Sub-Inspector J.R. Sykes, who rushed to the scene immediately he was notified of the incident.

On the arrival of the ambulance at the Kowloon Hospital, it was found that Fung had died en route.

Winds of 140 miles per hour velocity slammed us once to within 250 feet of the angry churning seas. The pilot and the co-pilot tried desperately to pull out but it was like trying to swim up a waterfall.

For one instant the plane was virtually stationary. You could feel it shudder from the nose to the tail as the engines clawed at the wall of rain and wind, then it began to slide sideways.

After that paralyzing moment, the plane gained forward momentum but it still seemed like a matchbox in a raging stream.—United Press.

According to Associated Press, the typhoon, with winds above 140 miles an hour, was located approximately 235 miles due north of San Juan.

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Reds And Customs In Border Gun Duel

A pitched gun battle between 200 Chinese Communists and officers manning the Chinese Maritime Customs station at Shaiyichung (in Chinese territory) was brought to light by the admittance into Kowloon Hospital of three wounded members of the Customs service.

According to usually reliable sources, about 200 Communists attacked the station on Aug. 20. In the course of the ensuing gun-battle, Chan Bui, 49, So Yiu-cheung, 39, and Lai Yeung-hing, 28, were hit by bullets. The attackers were repulsed.

The Customs officers made their way to Kowloon and were admitted at 5 p.m. to the Kowloon Hospital. Chan was suffering from a severe gunshot wound on his face. So was wounded on the arm, and Lai on the chest.

The condition of the three men was, up to a late hour last night, fairly serious.

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Terrifying Storm In Atlantic

(By Milton Carr)
San Juan, P. R., Sept. 13. Veteran weather observers said today that the tropical hurricane moving towards the United States Atlantic seaboard was one of the worst ever recorded in this area.

Ten Navy airmen and this correspondent who flew through the centre of the storm can describe it in one word, "terrifying."

We battled an ugly black doughnut-shaped monster for more than two hours in one of the Navy's most powerful four-motored planes. For at least five heart-stopping minutes I was sure that the storm had won.

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"ROUGHLY 1,000 DEAD" IN DELHI RIOTS

New Delhi, Sept. 14. India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, said on Saturday that estimates from both official and unofficial sources indicated that deaths from recent riots in the Delhi area totalled "roughly 1,000."

He told a news conference that he considered the official death total of 15,000 for the East and West Punjab "very low" and said that it might "easily be doubled or trebled." Despite this, Nehru asserted that he considered India "a far more peaceful country than any other in the world."

He conceded that the rioters behaved with "a ferocity and brutality that is astounding," but added that the average Indian is all over India. We have succeeded in building up that organization. It is already producing good results after functioning four or five days.—Associated Press.

He said that 75 per cent of the rioting in the twin cities of Old and New Delhi was "the direct result of stories of refugees" who flocked into the cities from other riot-swept areas.

Tension in the Delhi area centered on Saturday in a square mile area known as the Fair Bazaar (populated principally by Moslems) where troops, firing heavily and supported by two armoured cars, moved in with the expressed intention of seizing weapons held by barricaded Moslems.

Persons approaching the trouble area were warned off by troops, who said it was dangerous and that the military were going to capture automatic weapons there. Firing, apparently from house to house fighting, was steadily audible.

Nehru emphasised that "nobody can give accurate figures" on casualties in the Punjab and Delhi rioting. He criticised some dispatches sent abroad on the rioting but did not name any specific correspondents.

Discussing generally disorders which upset Northern India last month, the Prime Minister asserted that they would be "extraordinary anywhere and certainly extraordinary in India. I do not claim to say that India is a more peaceful country than any other in the world. Indians have behaved with ferocity and brutality that is astounding. Yet the average Indian is mild and gentle, hesitates even to kill a snake."

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Europeans

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Anti-Chiang Inference Was Untrue

Nanking, Sept. 14. Authoritative American sources said today the "inference" given general circulation here that "anti-Chiang Kai-shek" cliques in the State Department and American Embassy steered the Wedemeyer Mission away from the Government and into the hands of the liberals were "completely untrue."

Admitting there were individuals in both places who are sympathetic to the Chinese people and critical of the Kuomintang administration, these sources (who declined to be quoted) said these as well as other State Department personnel connected with the fact-finding mission carried out conscientiously their assignments in assisting the General to "make an objective fact-finding study."

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THE WEATHER

Pressure is high over N. and Central China and relatively high over Korea and the Philippines. A shallow trough of low pressure extends from Burma to E. of Hainan, while the typhoon, called Kathleen, is off the coast of China.

Today's forecast—Monsoon: S. to N.W. winds; fair, apart from a few scattered showers.

DEATHS EXCEEDED BIRTHS DURING THE OCCUPATION

Local health statistics for the past six years reveal that throughout the Japanese occupation period there were considerably more deaths than births, providing an accurate indication of the ups and downs the population experienced during those years.

Final Stages In Strike

Settlement may be reached today in the dispute between the Taikeo Dock contractors and their 1,500 odd workmen who have refused to return to work owing to their employers' failure to pay them the increased wages embodied in the general agreement.

Chinese Engineers Institute officials were in conference with representatives of the contractors yesterday evening in an attempt to settle the dispute. Today, the officials will approach the Commissioner of Labour to get the Taikeo Dock management to come to terms with their contractors.

The Hong Kong Tramways Ltd. will take the lead among utility concerns in initiating negotiations with their employees for increased pay. Talks between the management and the men will begin this morning.

Also scheduled for wage-increase talks this morning are the Dairy Farm management and their 800-odd Chinese employees, who have asked for an all-round \$30 a month raise. The men say their basic pay is low and insist on this amount as the minimum.

STAGE NOTES

The next in the series of radio plays being presented by the Hong Kong Stage Club is a drama by Clifford Box and Leon M. Lion, "Hemlock for Eight." It tells the story of seven miserable people who met one night in an old English country house which reeked of everything short of cheerfulness—in reply to an ad in the Personal Column of the Daily Post which appeared as follows: "Any person weary of life and interested in Euthanasia should write confidentially to Box Double One Two Six."

On this theme the drama unfolds and the skill with which the authors treat the script is reason enough for its success in England, where it was given repeated performances over the BBC.

The Stage Club's production, scheduled for Tuesday 18th, at 9 p.m. over Z.B.W., has Clifford Davies at the helm directing a "picked" cast which includes several voices new to the microphone.

With the opening of the "theatre season" in Hong Kong this year—sometime in mid-October—local players will see the Stage Club's presentation of Noel Coward's comedy, "Hay Fever." Production has started off in the right mood, and the casting meeting last week was most enthusiastically attended.

From Kowloon, I hear that the "A.D.C. undisturbed by criticism of their one-act plays, is a contemplating the production of a three act drama to have a three night run in about the second week of November. Much of it however, is still in parchment form."—KIMBERLEY.

LANDED IN HAMBURG



This group of young Jewish children formed part of the 4,000 Jews—men, women and children—who have just been landed in Hamburg from three British ships after they had tried to enter Palestine illegally in the liner "President Warfield" (re-named "Exodus 1947"). Note the young boy in the foreground smoking a cigarette. (A.P. Photo).

POLICE "CLOSING IN"

Prague, Sept. 14. The National Security police said that they were "closing in" on the man who smuggled bombs to three Cabinet Ministers in boxes labelled as gift perfume.

The communists said the principal clue was the similar handwriting on each of the three parcels, which, if they had exploded, would have blasted a room to bits.—Associated Press.

DAWDLERS IN ARABIA

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Sept. 14.

Clifford B. Evans and George W. Truman landed here on Friday on their leisurely world flight in two light planes. They planned to take off at 0300 GMT on Sunday for Karachi, India.—Associated Press.

Del Monte, Calif., Sept. 13.

Sleece Riggs, of Monterey Park today won the National Amateur Golf Championship with a 2-1 victory over veteran Johnny Dawson.—United Press.

Shanghai G.I. Behaviour "Above Average"

Shanghai, Sept. 14. Colonel E. W. Weissman, U.S. Army Military Police commander in Shanghai, said today that the army was forced to "patrol army billet areas to protect the wives and daughters of Servicemen who have been constantly subjected to indecent acts even daylight robbery at the hands of the Chinese."

Replying to a charge in the American-owned "China Weekly Review" that the "outrageous conduct" by American MPs aroused the feeling of anti-Americanism among the Chinese, Colonel Weissman said the conduct of the American Servicemen in Shanghai has been "above average during the last year." He termed the newspaper's editorial (written by Editor/Publisher John W. Powell) as "absolutely ridiculous."

Colonel Weissman charged that the Chinese Police have refused to cooperate with the Americans in patrolling the area between the army billet in the Broadway Mansions Hotel and the Post Exchange, a distance of three city blocks. American women have "suffered indignities" from the Chinese while travelling that short distance, he said, and the Chinese have snatched their purses and packages out of their hands.

Clubs Carried

He said the American MPs "do not carry rubber truncheons." He said that they carry clubs the same as MPs do in any place.

Colonel Weissman said pedicab coolies who have got beyond the control of the Chinese Police frequently gang up on lone American soldiers and "steal and rob them."

"No American soldier will stand for that," he added, "and then there is a fight."—Associated Press.

Close Shop Ban May Be Lifted In USA

Santa Cruz, Calif., Sept. 13. Senator Robert A. Taft, after a conference with Harry Lundberg, President of the powerful A.S. Sailors Union of the Pacific, today indicated that he is willing to consider the relaxation of provisions of the Taft-Hartley Bill which ban the close shop.

Lundberg complained that the closed shop ban would encourage Communists to invade the union, which now has them. Lundberg said both the union and employers in the maritime industry wanted to retain the present hiring hall in the contract being written to replace the agreement which expired on Sept. 20. Taft agreed to confer with Gregory Harrison, Counsel for the Pacific American Shipowners Association, in San Francisco next Friday on the problem.—United Press.

Tokyo, Sept. 14.

SCAPs Civil Property Custodian announced that 337,087 grams of gold, 11,634,864 grams of silver and 16,632,222 grams of platinum were repossessed to the Japanese government for domestic consumption in the second quarter of 1946.—Associated Press.

Admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday, Lee Luk, 51, 12, Dorset Crescent, was found to be suffering from leg injuries received when his car (1938) crashed against a lamp post outside La Salle High School, 11, 12, Dorset Crescent, yesterday.—United Press.

JULIANA IN ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, Sept. 13.

Princess Juliana of the Netherlands arrived at Aberdeen by air today on her way to join her husband, Prince Bernhard as guest of the King and Queen at Balmoral Castle.

The Princess made the trip from Holland in a Dakota of the Dutch Air Force.

Waiting to greet her at the airport was Mr. W. D. Mier, from Licklehead Castle, Aberdeen, an old friend of Prince Bernhard.—Reuter.

Car Off The Road, Smashed

Chan Chuen, 34-year-old driver of public hire car 4481, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday suffering from severe injuries sustained as the result of a traffic accident. The car itself was completely smashed.

According to a Police report, Chan was driving down Customs Park Road towards Kowloon City at 12.25 p.m. when he failed to take the left hand bend near the Wat Kee Dairy Farm. The car fell off the road on the left side (front wheel), and eventually came to rest upside down in the centre of the roadway.

Slight injuries were sustained by the two Chinese passengers. After treatment at the Hospital, however, they were not detained.

Today's A Holiday For B.O.Rs.

Kure, Sept. 14.

British Occupation Headquarters proclaimed Sept. 15 a holiday for all British Commonwealth occupation forces in commemoration of those who fell in the Battle of Britain seven years ago.

Special church services will be held throughout the British zone on Sunday, Sept. 21.—Associated Press.

GREEK PROBLEM

Washington, Sept. 14.

With the United Nations General Assembly reconvening next week, the United States warned the world today that Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania threaten against Greece constitute "one of the most critical international problems of the day."

The State Department published a White Paper history of the Greek case almost on the eve of the Assembly session in which the United States delegation—under the personal direction of Secretary of State Marshall—will try to get positive action.—United Press.

REDS REPULSE SEABORNE LANDING?

Nanking, Sept. 14.

Informed sources said today that two seaborne Nationalist regiments attempted a landing at the Yellow Sea port of Chefoo on the night of Sept. 12, but strong artillery fire from Communist shore installations prevented them from establishing a beachhead.

Official confirmation of the report was not available. The sources said that the Government landing attempt was made to test the strength of the Communist shore defences and not as a planned strategic move since only two regiments were employed.

The latest Central News report from Tsingtao said that Government troops occupied Yehhsien, a few miles inland from Laidow Bay, and advanced columns were spearheading toward Lungkow, important northern Shantung port recently subjected to heavy Nationalist sea attacks.—Associated Press.

Suffering From Poison

Two Chinese women were removed to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from lypol and disinfectant poisoning.

Shortly after noon, 30-year-old Lam Yee-ying was found by fellow lodgers at 11 Old Bailey Street (ground floor) suffering from a dose of lypol.

At 2.30 p.m. 25-year-old Kwan Hoi was found suffering from a dose of disinfectant at the Chung Hing Boarding House, 77 Connaught Road Central.

Both were reported to be in a fair condition.—United Press.

OUR PEOPLE ARE TIRED AND SICK

Santa Cruz, Calif., Sept. 14. Britain should be able to come through its economic crisis by increasing its productive effort an additional 30 percent, the Lord Chancellor of Britain said here today.

Addressing a cheering California State Bar convention, Viscount Jowitt said he was not asking American help. "Our country has got to get out of its troubles by the strength of its own right hand."

But, he said, England's assets were lost in the war.

"Our people are tired and sick, the nation's productive machinery was worn out, and the export trade balance, essential to England's very life, no longer existed."

"In spite of this we have increased our total productive effort 130 percent over what it was before the war," he declared, "and if we can only get it up another 30 percent we are over the crisis."

"Hard, desperately hard, though the way may be, our courage will not fail, we shall emerge successful. Come what may in the future, you will not find us wanting."—Associated Press.

Soviet Law Cited In S'hai Court

Shanghai, Sept. 14.

Citing the Soviet law which entitles a common law wife to claim one-seventh of the estate of a deceased Soviet citizen, Mrs. A. Sannikoff and her little daughter yesterday were awarded a decision in the suit contesting the will of L. M. Rogovin, wealthy Russian who died here during the war.

Mrs. Rogovin and her children argued that the law is now revised but Mrs. Sannikoff's attorneys pointed out that it was in force when Rogovin died.—United Press.

New York, Sept. 14.

Elvis won the 35th running of the Edgemere Handicap at Aqueduct on Saturday, defeating Styria by a length and a half with Bridal Flower third.—Associated Press.

10,000 Jap POWs In Leningrad

Tokyo, Sept. 14. The newspaper "Mainichi Shimbun" reported today the return of the first Japanese prisoner from Leningrad and quoted him as saying that there were "over 10,000 Japanese prisoners working with the Russian troops" for the reconstruction of the Russian city up to the time of his departure.

Former Flight Sergeant Tsuyoshi Sato, told the paper that he was captured on August 16, 1945—one day before the Japanese surrender—he made a forced landing on Tautsar airfield, North Manchuria. He was sent to a prison camp near Lake Balkal, Siberia. Because he knows about internal combustion engines he was sent together with 50 others to Leningrad which they reached by the end of November, 1945.

"I was amazed to learn there were 300 Japanese technicians there," Sato said.

"During many two years there the Japanese prisoners continued to increase and at the time I left there were over 10,000 Japanese living and working with the Soviet troops."

He said the Russian soldiers apparently knew little about Japan and after showing the Japanese prisoners, Soviet movies and brass bands inquired proudly.

"You don't have such things in your country, do you?"

Germans Too

Sato said there were about 10,000 Germans "working silently" cleaning up rubble of the city.

On week-end the Russians, both old and young, men and women, spent their time in "tearful dancing, feeling the joy of living."—Associated Press.

GENERAL HIGGINS ILL

New York, Sept. 13.

General Edward J. Higgins, international head of the Salvation Army until his retirement in 1934, is in a critical condition in hospital here.

General Higgins, who is 82, succeeded General W. Brewster Smith and head of the Salvation Army in 1924.

He joined the Salvation Army in 1904, when he was 20. He was reported to be in a fair condition.—United Press.

Britain's Views On Persia

London, Sept. 13.

Diplomatic observers said today that sooner or later Iran would have to make concessions to Russia, and economic concessions were preferable to political concessions.

It was taken for granted here that in the long run, Iran could not afford an unfriendly attitude toward Russia.

These observations were in connection with a report that the British envoy in Iran had advised the Government to keep the door open for further discussions with Russia if Parliament rejected a Soviet-Iranian oil agreement.

The Iranian Parliament will soon meet to act on the draft agreement drawn up in 1946. It holds 51 percent of the stock for the first 25 years of the agreement.

Informed diplomatic sources said Britain was ready to consider economic concessions in order to prevent political or military encroachments by Russia in her search for Iranian oil.—United Press.

Soviet Tankmen Congratulated

London, Sept. 13.

The Soviet Minister of Armed Forces, N. Bulganin, today issued an Order of the Day commemorating Sunday's celebration of Tankmen's Day and congratulating the Russian tank forces for "strengthening the armed forces of our Motherland."

Radio Moscow reported that he ordered a salute of 20 artillery salutes in each of the capitals of the Republics tomorrow. Bulganin exhorted the workers of the tank industry to "concentrate all their efforts and knowledge on completing with honour the tanks put before them by their comrades."

Sialin for further strengthening of the might of our armoured and mechanized forces.—United Press.

Peiping, Sept. 13.

The Soviet Consulate filed a strong protest with the Chinese authorities at Tientsin today over an incident in which about 100 Chinese soldiers broke into the Consulate on Sept. 11.

The Consulate termed the incident an "act of hooliganism." The soldiers scaled the wall of the Consulate compound and manhandled a Russian watchman and a Russian consular employee.—United Press.

STILL LABOUR

Liverpool, Sept. 14.

A Labour Party candidate was elected to Parliament from the Edgely division of Liverpool, maintaining the Party's unique record of losing no Parliamentary seats in 28 consecutive by-elections since it took over government in July 1945.—Associated Press.

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U.S. PLAN FOR INTERVENTION IN GREECE

New York, Sept. 13. The United States is considering a plan to place its armed forces at the disposal of the United Nations "for the restoration of peace and security" in Northern Greece, Renter learned here today.

The plan is part of the United States overall strategy in the United Nations General Assembly which Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, will outline to a series of United States delegation conferences this week-end.

The session which begins on Tuesday is recognised by observers here as crucial and one which may make or break the already declining prestige of the United Nations throughout the world.

In general terms, the position as decided by United States experts is this:— Greece: the United States holds that support given by Greece's northern neighbours—Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania—to guerrilla activities against the Greek Government constitutes aggression against the territorial integrity and political independence of Greece.

Action by the United Nations as the primary peace enforcement agency had been blocked in the United States view by the Soviet veto, a weapon which Russia has so far used 11 times, but the responsibility still lies ultimately with the United Nations to restore peace in that part of the world.

Powers' Right

The United Nations can act under the Charter in their "collective self-defence" if an armed attack occurs against a member of the United Nations. Whether this, or some other, legal formula is decided upon under the Charter, the United States, in fulfillment of the Charter, is understood to be willing to place its armed forces at the disposal of the United Nations.

Congressional approval for such action would presumably not be necessary, as the Senate has already ratified all the articles of the Charter.

The veto: The United States still stands by the right of the five Great Powers, upon whom rests the major burden of implementing decisions to veto preventive military action.

Abused

The United States delegation, however, hold that the veto power is not only being abused by Russia, but, what is possibly

more important from the long term point of view, is being discarded so that the other great powers would now be reluctant to use it even when it was justified or necessary.

Experts hold that adoption or modification of the Security Council rules of procedure and voting machinery can do much to relieve the Security Council's present state of paralysis without using the cumbersome constitutional machinery involved in changing the Charter, Renter.

U.N. Gets The Wind-Up

Lake Success, Sept. 13.

The United Nations, alarmed by three recent demonstrations in its Security Council, today hired extra guards and called on the New York City Police to give them additional assistance in maintaining order at the council meetings which open on Monday.

In addition special agents of the FBI, Scotland Yard and the Russian secret police will be on hand to protect delegates. At least 10 delegations, including those from the Arab states, were reported to be seeking special bodyguards.

The UN security officer, Frank Berris, said that explosive problems before the Security Council, such as Palestine, the Egyptian, Balkan and Indian disputes, offered the greatest danger of demonstrations or even violence.—United Press.

Italians Running From Tito

Trieste, Sept. 13. Hundreds of Venezia Giulia families, many leaving their peasant huts aflame behind them, trudged slowly toward Italy today to escape living under Yugoslav rule.

Dusty roads leading to the new Italy-Yugoslav frontier were crowded with columns of peasants who led little carts stacked high with treasured possessions. Women garbed in characteristic black dresses followed the carts, clutching a pot, pan or a small sack of potatoes.

Evacuation of those sections of the now Allied-occupied zone, which are ceded to Yugoslavia under the terms of the peace treaty, was not without incidents, but no major outbreaks were reported. Farmers at Ursina burned their homes before leaving for Italy.

In the Isonzo valley Slovene peasants and Communists had several fights when the farmers sought to take their animals away with them. A clash was averted at Boreana when a Communist fired a bullet at the civil police during a crowd argument, but no casualties resulted.

Triumphal arches to welcome the Yugoslav troops, and flags and banners on houses and public buildings in Slovene villages, contrasted with the slow exodus from the ceded areas.—United Press.

Rangoon, Sept. 13.

The Rangoon police today arrested three bandits while they were sharing out the 200,000 rupees stolen in a daring day-light robbery yesterday from a car taking the money to the Treasury for the Mercantile Bank of India.

The police recovered part of the stolen money.—Reuter.

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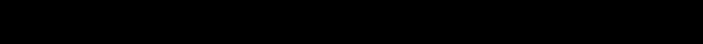
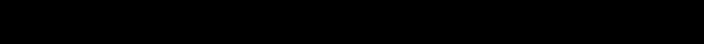
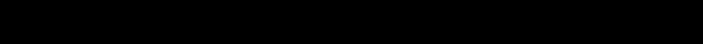
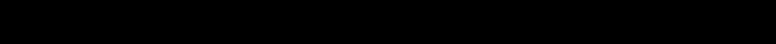
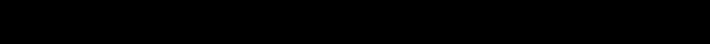
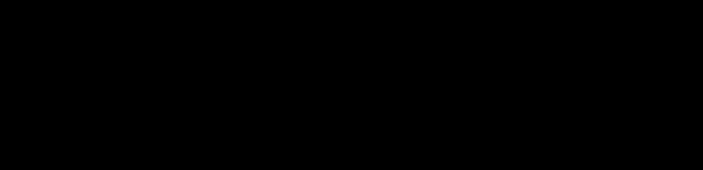
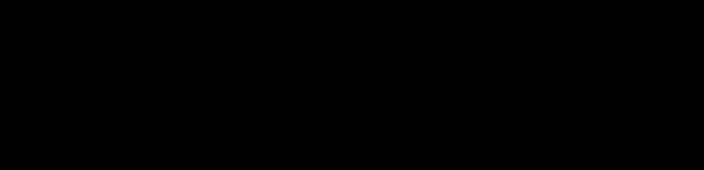
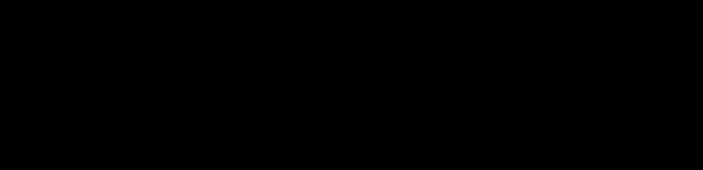
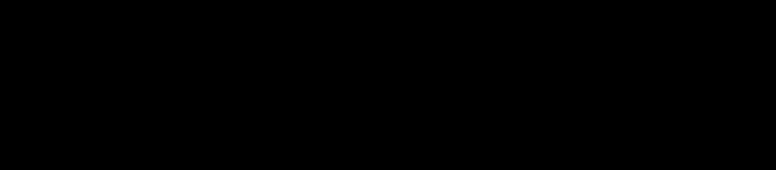
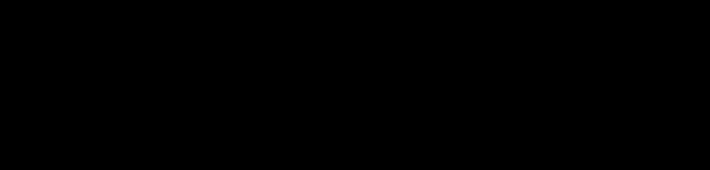
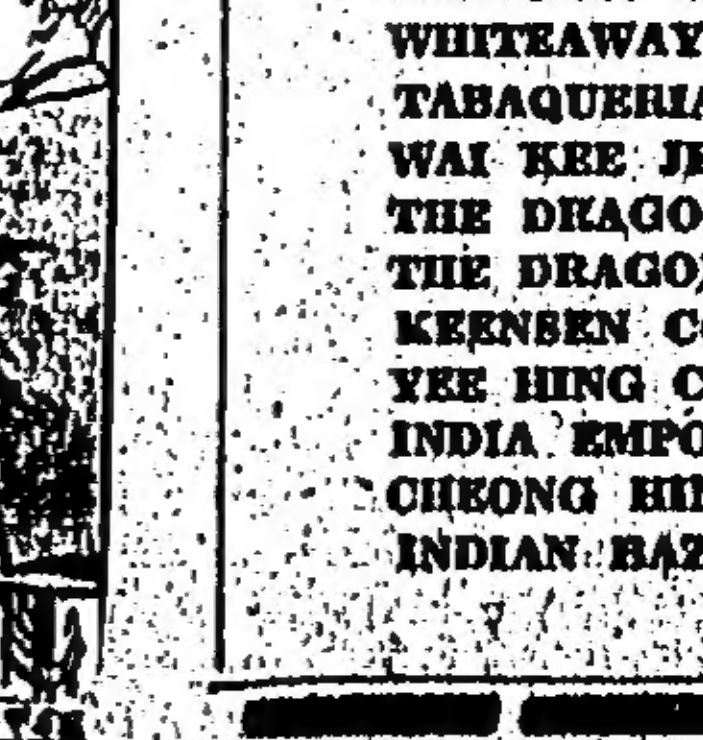
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1947.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP
Actg. Secretary.

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Manager.

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Notice is hereby given that the Power of Attorney dated the
15th February, 1947 executed before S.R. Amerasekera Notary
Public of Colombo, Ceylon, by me Munsoor Ibrahim presently
of Colombo carrying on business of General Merchants, Com-
mission Agents, Importers and Exporters of general goods under
the name style and firm of China Company at 148, Des Voeux
Road, Central, (5th Floor) Hongkong in favour of Kalathil
Kosava Menon presently in India is hereby revoked and cancelled
and shall be of no effect.

MR. ATTLEE CONSIDERING CHANGES IN THE CABINET

Some Ministers To Be Discarded

London, Sept. 14.

The recall of Parliament well before October 20 is
now regarded as certain.

Meanwhile, I understand on excellent authority
that the Prime Minister is considering consid-
erable changes in the Government, at and
below Cabinet level, and that these will be
made before the end of next month. They will
involve the discarding of some Ministers, and
the bringing in of new men from the ranks of
the Labour Party.

The party has been carefully
surveyed for potential Minis-
ters, and between 30 and 40
have been noted as promising
material for the Treasury
Bench. Labour M.P.s, who are
dissatisfied and critical, will
welcome a thorough reorganiza-
tion of the Ministerial team.

This decision suggests that
Mr. Attlee has no intention of
resigning the Premiership, as
has been reported.

Empire Preference

Statements that America has
again asked us to abandon sub-
stantially the policy of Imperial
preference in the interests of
freer world trade are true. It
is also true that the Govern-
ment has declined to agree, un-

less comparable and dependable
advantages are available to us.
The Government's view,
which is supported by the facts
of the world situation is that
multilateral trading, such as
Washington envisages, while
very desirable is at present im-
practicable, and that until the
difficulties in the way of its
development can be removed,
closer, not looser, economic re-
lations in the Empire are es-
sential. Our policy is being
shaped accordingly.

There is reason to think that
America appreciates the posi-
tion, and has made the point
about Imperial preference, more
with the object of keeping it
alive than with any hope, of
practical results now.

Food Reduction Inevitable

Mr. Morrison stated at his
recent Press conference, in re-
ply to a question about a re-
turn to wartime concentration
of industry, that it was "being
examined," but not, he indi-
cated, on lines comparable with
wartime practice. Concentra-
tion may be an extreme descrip-
tion of what the Government
has in mind, but there is reason
to believe that something
more is contemplated than con-
trol of engagement, and
queezing out non-essential in-
dustry by reducing or cutting
off supplies.

A decision on rations is con-
sidered imperative, and it will
probably be taken soon.

The original intention of the
Government to mitigate the ef-
fect of reduced food stocks,
while endeavouring to develop
alternative supplies, may be
reviewed. A cut of £144,000,
000 a year in food from dollar
areas cannot be made good
from elsewhere in any reason-
able period, and the Govern-
ment is advised that, sooner or
later, rations must be reduced
substantially.

Some Ministers prefer to
face this unpleasant fact re-
solutely now, and take appro-
priate action, so that the coun-
try may be brought to realise
what it is up against, rather
than pursue a course design-
ed to soften the shock, and en-
courage unjustifiable optimism.

Recruitment For Mines
Hopes of getting sufficient
labour in the mines far
from bright, despite the Prime
Minister's recent assurance
that there was "every pros-
pect" of reaching the target
of 730,000 workers by the end
of the year. The total is now
just under 720,000, but the net
increase has dropped steadily
from 6,000 in April to 800 in
July, and for the first two
weeks of August there was a
net loss of several hundreds.

This is said to be due to the
exhaustion of the supply of ex-
miners from the Services, and
from other occupations.
If the target of 730,000 is to
be reached there must be a net
increase of at least 2,500 a
month for the rest of the year.
The Coal Board now proposes
to organise a big autumn cam-
paign for the recruitment of
new entrants all of whom must,
of course, be trained.

In the circumstances, it is
not surprising that Mr. Morris-
son's statement that "it begins
to look as if we have stopped
the rot in coal" is regarded
with critical astonishment.

Handling Of Crisis

Labour men, as well as Con-
servatives and Liberals, are in-
creasingly critical of the hand-
ling of the crisis behind closed
(Continued at foot of next Col.)

ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Jamaica, Sept. 13.

Orlen of "Shane" greeted a
statement of the West In-
dian Trade Union Conference
here today that British
Colonies in the Caribbean
would prefer to be under the
United States flag if they
could not see home rule.

This suggestion, made by a
delegate, Mr. W. Crawford,
aroused the other delegates
and resulted in a series of
brief speeches reaffirming al-
legiance to the British flag.
Even Jamaica's "Strong
Man," Mr. A. Bustamante,
who attacked British im-
perialism on the opening day
of the Conference, denounced
Mr. Crawford.—Reuter.

Cause Of Air Crash Determined

Washington, Sept. 14.

A U.S. Army Forces
Investigation Board
states that fuel exhaus-
tion caused the crash of
the converted bomber in
which Ambassador
George C. Acheson and
nine others were lost on
August 16th in the Pacific,
60 miles west of
Honolulu.

The Board, headed by Brig-
adier General Frederick V.
H. Kimble, "determined that
excessively high power settings
were used which caused the
engines to consume fuel at a
rate too great for the success-
ful completion of a flight of
that duration (from Kwajalein
to Honolulu)."

The Accident Board offered
no explanation for the alleged
failure of the pilot to use the
proper throttle settings, or, un-
der the high rate of fuel con-
sumption, to have passed up
an available refuelling point,
Johnston Island.

The pilot, the announce-
ment said, had flown over 3,500
hours, of which 600 were in
B-17's such as the one which
crashed. The Air Force said
that planes of the B-17 type
have flown the Kwajalein-
Honolulu and longer runs
"many times in the past".—
Associated Press.

Madagascar Revolt Dying

Paris, Sept. 14.

The French News Agency
reported that the rebellion in
Madagascar was dying down
with 13,900 insurgents sur-
rendering to French forces in
the past 13 days.

Residents have returned
from the hills to scores of
villages deserted during the
peak of the fighting in July
when rebels once besieged
Tananarive, the capital, the
agency said.

Previous despatches from
Madagascar reported the ar-
rival of large French troop
reinforcements and widespread
scattering of pro-French fan-
tasia from aeroplanes, asking
rebels to cease fighting.—As-
sociated Press.

ALL QUIET IN EGYPT

Cairo, Sept. 14.

Cairo, Alexandria and Port
Said were normal today after yes-
terday's rioting, which was in-
spired by the United Nations
deadlock over Egypt's case against
Britain.

A senior Cairo police official
said "The day passed off quietly
except for an insignificant noisy
gathering of about 100 hooligans
which was dispersed by the police
without incidents or arrests."
The police are continuing the
"state of emergency" as a pre-
caution.—Reuter.

doors. The spectacle of Minis-
ters rushing by air and road
between their holiday centres
and London to consider various
aspects of the crisis as they
arise while Parliament is dis-
persed, has been believed to be creat-
ing a bad impression not only
in this country but abroad,
especially in America.
According to those who
should know, the prospect of
an autumn Budget to deal with
any fiscal consequences of the
crisis has receded.—Our Own
Correspondent.

Secret Service Scares Soviets

Moscow, Sept. 14.

The Soviet magazine "New
Times" has published an
article by V. Minayev charging
that "multi-million funds of
American monopolies" are be-
ing employed for imperialist
and expansionist purposes and
the financing of a spy network.
The article said American
diplomats had close connection
with the spy network, aimed
primarily at the Soviet Union.
The writer said that the Rocke-
feller fund was providing
money for "the Russian In-
stitute of Columbia University,
engaged in the preparation of
special personnel and headed
by Intelligence Professor Ro-
binson who for many years
has studied Russia" and who
headed the Russian section of
the Office of Strategic Ser-
vices.

The article devoted special
attention to the wartime ac-
tivities of the OSS, claiming
that one of its agents in Swit-
zerland had "the purpose of
saving German Fascism from
complete destruction" and
"stopping the advance of the
Soviet Army in Germany and
Central and Southeast
Europe."

The writer declared that
American intelligence serves
the purpose of strengthening
reaction and the resurrection
of Fascism.—Associated
Press.

PRAGUE CABINET CRISIS

Prague, Sept. 13.

Czechoslovakia today was
caught in its worst political
crisis since the liberation, but
politicians after night-long
conferences believed they had
a solution to arguments over
Communist efforts to drive
through a "soak the rich" pro-
gramme to finance the farm
subsidy programme.

Social Democratic officials
announced that Minister of
Food Václav Males had with-
drawn his resignation after an
all-night session of the party
Presidium.—United Press.

EGYPTIANS STAY ON

New York, Sept. 13.

The Egyptian delegation to
the Security Council on Satur-
day night reversed its previous
decision to return to Cairo,
and stayed on to press for an
other hearing on the Anglo-
Egyptian dispute. It was un-
derstood the Council would
seek a hearing as soon as pos-
sible.

The group was originally
scheduled to take a plane for
Cairo on Saturday, but at the
last moment cancelled its re-
servations.—United Press.

It's Still Going On In Java

Batavia, Sept. 14.

More bridges were dynamited, estates fired and
water pipelines cut in Indonesia, where, de-
spite the existence of the "cease-fire" order,
Dutch forces today claimed two killed and 19
wounded in further clashes with Indonesian
Republican forces in Java and Sumatra.

Two of the six consuls investigating the operation
of the "cease-fire" order—Mr. E. T. Lambert,
the British Consul General in Batavia, and Mr.
Charles Eaton, the Australian Consul—came
under machinegun fire while returning from
enquiries in the Malang area.

Delayed reports say the two con-
suls were returning to Sourabaya
on Wednesday evening after com-
pleting investigations in the
Malang area, when machine-guns,
about 500 yards away, fired on
the convoy of four jeeps and a
staff car.

An eye-witness said: "The bul-
lets went wide of the convoy. We
saw tracers flash along the road
high to the right."

While the Dutch and other mem-
bers of the party took cover, Mr.
Eaton strode around behind the
staff car, saying: "They are not
firing at me."

The convoy continued the
journey after a few minutes. The
Dutch declared that the machine-
gun fire was Republican.

Australians Arrive

Four Australian army officers,
led by Brigadier Lou Dyke, ar-
rived at Sourabaya today from
Australia to assist the consular
mission in the enquiry into the
"cease-fire" order.

Australia is the first country
to respond to the request from
the consuls in Batavia for mili-
tary assistance to speed up the
work on the report of the opera-
tion of the cease-fire order to the
United Nations Security Council.
—Reuter.

Heavy Attacks

Batavia, Sept. 13.

Heavy Dutch attacks on
Indonesian positions in the
Loemadjar area, south of
Malang in East Java, were re-
ported in the Republican army
communiqué today quoted by the
Netherlands News Agency.

The Dutch advance was meet-
ing stiff resistance, the com-
muniqué added.

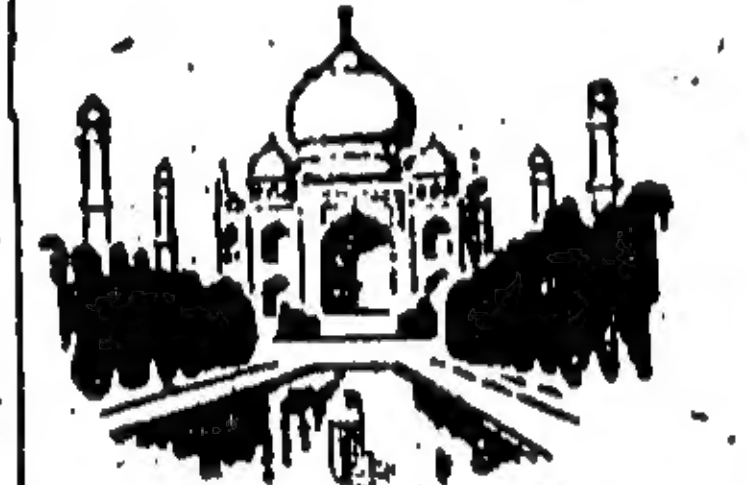
The Dutch Embassy in
Nanking announced that the
Netherlands Government has
told China that she is willing to
grant any facilities to the
Chinese Consul-General in
Batavia which would entitle him
to carry out his task as a mem-
ber of the Consular Commission.

New Trade Agreement

London, Sept. 13.

Poland and Rumania signed a
new trade agreement in Bucharest
today, Bucharest Radio reported.
Poland will supply Rumania
with coke, coal, agricultural im-
plements, locomotives for her nar-
row gauge railways, textile
machinery, saws, mining machin-
ery, carbon electrodes, glassware,
steel, horse traction vehicles and
other articles, the report said.

Rumania will supply Poland
with petrol and oil products, man-
ganese ores, sunflower seeds, oil-
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DRASTIC REORGANISATION OF MANCHURIA

Peking, Sept. 14.
Drastic reorganisation is being carried out in Manchuria by General Chen Cheng, Director of the President's headquarters in the Northeast, in an attempt to whip the Nationalist forces into good shape for the coming trial of strength. Besides overhauling the administration to eliminate deadwood, Chen Cheng is busily converting various local Pacification Corps into regular army units and equipping them with the best arms available.

With previous poor training and inferior weapons, the Pacification Corps had been little or no match for the Reds. Their retraining and incorporation into the regular army will substantially augment the present military strength of the Nationalists in Manchuria which Chinese press dispatches have estimated without contradiction, is at 500,000 men.

Independent reports from Manchuria indicate that there has been a noticeable improvement in discipline since Chen Cheng assumed office on Sept. 2.

Army Racket

Chen Cheng is clamping down particularly hard on Army officers engaging in private business or offering "protection" to dance halls and other places of amusement, a temptation to which some have been susceptible, not on account of cupidity, but because of the poor pay of the Chinese Army.

Even under the new scale just announced in Nanjing, the pay is still low compared to Western standards with a Lieutenant-General getting the black market equivalent of US\$26 a month and a Second Lieutenant US\$8 a month.

All indications are that the Nationalist plans to recover Manchuria may not be affected by Lieutenant General Albert Wedemeyer's recommendation to President Truman, whatever they are.

Morale

It has become common belief that some form of aid will be forthcoming.

Supporting this view is the conversation in which Wedemeyer allegedly told Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek that conditions for potential American aid would include, firstly, none of it should be handed by the families of ex-Premiers T. V. Soong and H. H. Kung and secondly, no anti-American demonstrations against American help should be countenanced. (In the past there had been student demonstrations

against any American aid on the ground that it would only protract the civil war).

In any case, as far as Manchuria is concerned, the impending battle is likely to be fought and won one way or the other before any potential American help could be implemented. Nevertheless, it would be valuable to the Nationalists in Manchuria in the form that it would boost their morale which, despite all of Chen Cheng's efforts, possibly is not quite so high as represented in Chinese dispatches.—Associated Press.

Ballpoint Pen Factory For Sale

Chicago, Sept. 14.
Milton Reynolds, who ran the ballpoint pen idea into a multi-million dollar fortune within a few months, announced that he was putting up his pen factory for sale.

"I am interested in freeing myself from some of my business interests to devote more time to aviation research," he said.

Reynolds last April flew around the world with Captain Bill Odom and in August financed Odom's record world solo flight of slightly more than 72 hours.

The penmaker's career has been one of big gains and losses. In his youth he made and lost a fortune in the automobile tire business. Late in 1945 he brought out the ballpoint pen at a retail price of \$12.50, subsequently introducing cheaper models—one of the latest of which sells for 59 cents.—Associated Press.

Rabbi's Hunger Strike

Paris, Sept. 13.
Rabbi Baruch Korff, arrested last Saturday in connection with an alleged Jewish plot to drop leaflets or bombs on London from the air, was in a "feeble condition" today after having maintained all the week the hunger strike which he began after his arrest.

The police said today that he was continuing the hunger strike despite a plan to stop by the Rabbinical College of New York. Rabbi Korff, chairman of the American Political Action Committee for Palestine, reiterated before an examining magistrate today that the proposed flight was to have been a trial parachute jump over France and not a leaflet or bomb run over London.—Reuter.

America Heading To A Second 1929?

Chicago, Sept. 14.
Fears that the United States might be heading its upward price spiral toward a "bust" were sounded today as the cost of basic food items pushed close to all-time peaks.

Senator J. M. Ives said that Congress "will be forced to take some action" unless wild speculation in grains and other foods is curbed. The New York Republican said in Washington that he feared booming living costs "might cause the bottom to drop out as it did in 1929 and in 1920-21."

Paul Porters, last Federal price boss under OPA, said in Atlanta that the nation would be lucky if "we do not have a bust." But he said he thought it was too late for Congress to do much about high prices.

Pelops held steady or staged recovery movements on most commodities after dropping somewhat on Friday. But from a special Congressional investigation group came a new warning that food prices may go even higher. This

SOVIET PRICE CUTS

Moscow, Sept. 13.
Cuts in the price of meat and other foods ranging from 15 to 30 per cent were announced today by the Co-operative Central Committee.

The price reductions were: meat 20 per cent, conserves 30 per cent, fish and fish conserves 20 per cent, poultry and game 16 per cent, sausages 15 per cent, butter 16 per cent, and marmalade 20 per cent.—Reuter.

Atomic Energy Not Answer

Oxford, Sept. 13.
The view that mankind must wait a good part of a century before atomic energy can make a significant contribution to the solution of the world power problems was expressed today by Professor M. H. L. Pryce, Professor of Theoretic Physics at Oxford University.

Speaking at the annual exhibition of the Association of Scientific Workers, Professor Pryce confessed that it was still difficult to foresee when atomic energy would play its part in industrial development.

There were too many technical and laboratory problems as yet unanswered, he said.

"If we continue our work along the usual lines, we should require something like 70,000 tons of uranium yearly to replace the other forms of energy," he argued.

"This would mean that the world could run its industries for a short time on atomic energy and then would be brought to a stop for the lack of sufficient basic material."—Reuter.

VIENNA OPERA IN BRITAIN

Folkestone, Sept. 13.
One hundred and fifty members of the Vienna State Opera arrived at Folkestone today from Calais en route for London.

They are here for a three-week season at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and their first performance will be given on Tuesday.

Opera scenery, weighing 80 tons, crossed the Channel from Zeebrugge in 11 railway trucks which had come from Austria.—Reuter.

Strikers Interrupt Smuts

Johannesburg, Sept. 13.
Several hundred striking building workers who demonstrated in the City Hall here today while Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, was speaking, forced him to abandon his speech.

The strikers surged into the hall while Marshal Smuts was addressing a meeting of his United Party.

They demanded that he should receive a deputation and created such pandemonium that he had to break off his speech. Marshal Smuts was concluding a campaign week of the United Party in the Transvaal.

He had told the meeting that the last eight years were probably the most brilliant in South Africa's history and the most stormy, but the United Party had stood the test and carried South Africa to the highest point in the country's history.—Reuter.

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1.45 p.m.—A Light Spanish Programme.

1.50 p.m.—Andre Kostelanetz and His Orchestra and John McElroy (Tenor).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Film Favorites.

7.00 p.m.—Edward German's "Nell Gwynn" Dances. New Symphony Orchestra.

7.10 p.m.—Patricia Roseborough (Piano) & Robinson-Cleaver (Organ).

7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like" Presented by Linda Carter.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Music of Different Nations.

8.30 p.m.—Vocal Duets by Anne Ziesler and Webster Booth.

8.45 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Call yourself a Detective."

9.15 p.m.—Dance to the No. 1 Ballroom Centre Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Believe Surveys."

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

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CASSIDY—TODD. On 29th August at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Edinburgh, by the Rev. A. G. McIntyre, Richard Ross Forbes, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Cassidy of Hongkong, to Allison, daughter of the late W. J. Walker Todd, A.R.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., of Edinburgh, and of Mrs. Todd of Milnathort, Kinross-shire.

THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE

Earlier this month nineteen of the twenty-two States in the Western Hemisphere signed at Rio de Janeiro a treaty of mutual defence. Only Canada, as a British Commonwealth country, Nicaragua, whose new Government is not yet fully recognised, and Ecuador, whose representative was disqualified by a revolution, did not sign, and yet, for various reasons, their non-participation hardly impairs its significance. This Pan-American treaty of mutual defence is a logical outcome of the "Monroe Doctrine" proclaimed by President Monroe over a century ago as a warning to European powers that the United States would regard as dangerous to its own peace and safety any attempt on their part to extend their political systems to any portion of the Western Hemisphere. The Monroe Doctrine sprang partly from suggestions to the United States by Britain, and partly from fear of aggressive designs attributed to Czarist Russia and the dominating element in Europe of a "Holy Alliance." Russia, France and Spain at that time appeared poised to intervene against the Western American countries that were asserting their independence and it was to these European powers that the Monroe Doctrine was addressed, a doctrine of fundamental for United States policy that it was expressly recognised in the League of Nations Covenant after World War I. Now, by the Rio de Janeiro Treaty of Mutual Defence, it is accepted and upheld as a doctrine of the Western Hemisphere.

President Truman, in his speeches at Rio de Janeiro, said that his country, after having fought a war to free the world forever, found that a number of nations are still subjected to the type of foreign domination which the Allies had fought to overcome and that many of the peoples of Europe and Asia live under the shadow of armed aggression. The political crisis, or what President Truman called the "shadow of armed aggression," is brought about by the resistance of free countries to the expansionist policy of Soviet Russia. The mutual defence treaty concluded at Rio may not appear to bear directly upon this resistance, yet, inasmuch as in much of its conception it lies within the framework of the United Nations Charter, which President Truman pledged his country to uphold throughout the world, it cannot be regarded as possessing a solely hemispheric significance.

True though it be that a "clear thread" of historical continuity runs from the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 to the Truman Doctrine of 1947, the distinction between the two "doctrines" is obvious. President Monroe thought only of protecting the United States and the Western Hemisphere against European aggression. President Truman, on the contrary, declares that if the nations of the Western Hemisphere stand with the United States "for peace and a peace of free men" they can "constitute the greatest single force in the world for the good of humanity." Between the Monroe Doctrine and the Truman Doctrine, the world has seen the rise of a new world order, the world has seen the rise of a new world order, the world has seen the rise of a new world order.

Christianity In Japan ---Wishful Thinking

It would be well to accept with reserve the pious and growing conviction outside Japan that Japan is turning to Christianity.

Two widespread reports have recently coloured and strengthened this devout wishful thinking. One was that the number of Christians in Japan had increased from 250,000 to 600,000 since the Occupation and that an ultimate total of two million converts is confidently expected. The other was that all available supplies of Bibles in Japan, totalling 350,000 had been distributed at cost price, and that further orders totalling 3,200,000 copies had been placed. These are interesting facts but they cannot be blindly accepted. Undoubtedly many Japanese are accepting Christianity as one of the many mysterious manifestations of Western Democracy which they believe they should adopt as a matter of expedience or compromise. We can lose nothing by becoming Christians, they say, maybe we can even gain something.

Cynical Joke

On the other hand it is a fact that when a Japanese becomes a sincere convert to Christianity, he tends to be far more devout and earnest than most Western Christians. The cynical joke in Tokyo, when Prime Minister Katayama, the Socialist Christian, was trying to form a Coalition Government with MacArthur's blessing, was that Dr. Hiroshi Ashida and Baron Shidehara, the two rival Democrat (or conservative) leaders were bidding for Occupation support by rushing from one denomination to another in an attempt to discover which could arrange conversion to Christianity—in the shortest possible time.

There are persistent rumours there that subtle pressure has been applied to Emperor Hirohito to convert him—or at least his son—to Christianity. No one knows for certain whether there is any basis in fact for these rumours, but they are given plausibility by the appointment of Mrs. Vining, a devout American, as personal tutor to the young, gawky and slow-witted Crown Prince.

Growing Interest

That there is strong and growing interest in Christianity in Japan—whether it be genuine or hypocritical—no Western observer can deny. There has been established a New Federation of Christian Organisations of Japan, under Japanese Christian control but with Western Christian backing.

Finally, consider the incident which occurred in connection with Hirohito's recent visit to Keio.

Students of Keio, the famous Tokyo University, have since been carpentered by the Imperial Household Ministry and compelled to apologise for "daring to approach the sacred person of the Emperor."

With the approval of the University President, representatives of the University paper had applied to the Household for permission to interview the emperor when he visited the University.

This request was angrily refused. A senior official at the Household said: "The Emperor is a god."

Nothing daunted, a dozen of the bolder spirits among the students moved respectfully,

ing. It has set up a proselytising committee which is organising a two-year drive for three million converts.

Most Universities and schools are voluntarily including courses in Christianity in their curriculum. One Buddhist university in Kyoto has even added the doctrine of Christianity as its subjects of research. (Whether this last manifestation is a sign of the growing

influence of Christianity or the continuing confidence of Buddhism is perhaps a moot point.) What all this activity adds up to is a nation of 70 million people, who are still subscribing blindly to the old Emperor myth and are even closer to the Shinto person than ever before, no Westerner can presume to determine dogmatically.

One Aim

It is well to be cautious. All Japanese policy is directed at the moment to one end—to get rid of the Occupation forces. If that end can be hastened by a superficial adoption of Christianity, then obviously that is a profoundly simple, easy and prudent policy to adopt.

And if Westerners are inclined to accept this gratifying record of conversion and interest over-trustingly, let them remember that Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, earnest Japanese Christian, supported the Emperor and the Army after Pearl Harbour. Today that same Dr. Kagawa is just as vigorously promoting Christianity as the senior vice-president of the New Federation of Christian Organisations of Japan.

And as an after-thought, the late Yosuke Matsuoka, who as Foreign Minister brought Japan into military alliance with Germany and Italy and made Japan's intervention in the war inevitable, was a most devout Christian and Catholic.

Keio Incident

Finally, consider the incident which occurred in connection with Hirohito's recent visit to Keio.

Students of Keio, the famous Tokyo University, have since been carpentered by the Imperial Household Ministry and compelled to apologise for "daring to approach the sacred person of the Emperor."

With the approval of the University President, representatives of the University paper had applied to the Household for permission to interview the emperor when he visited the University.

This request was angrily refused. A senior official at the Household said: "The Emperor is a god."

Nothing daunted, a dozen of the bolder spirits among the students moved respectfully,

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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DON'T BLAME THE LUCK

It is easy enough to blame your hard luck when some move by the defence keeps you from making your contract. But a bit of reflection may show you could have countered the move and brought the bacon home anyway.

The adaptable player is prepared to handle a crucial suit in one way if a particular card is led, but in a different manner if another card is chosen by the opener. No Trump game contracts especially depend on such factors.

SK 108
H 1053
D 979
CQ 1052

SA 32
H 32
DA 1052
CK 84

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1H 1S
2NT Pass 2C 2S
3NT Pass 3NT

By slightly different methods that game contract was reached at a lot of tables in a duplicate, a spade being opened in such case. Where the west led, the 3NT was shown. South won, drove

with deep boys, on to the Emperor as the curious little man was stumbling towards his car. To the horror of the guards, cameras were produced on a stairway well above the straw hat of the nervously blinking monarch.

Asked his impressions, the Emperor replied with characteristic wit and stammer: "I have greatly enjoyed my visit and I hope you will contribute all efforts to the revival of private education in Japan."

Very Confusing

His car then moved off and the Emperor with characteristic clumsiness fumbled with his hat as the students bawled "Banzai."

The Emperor's scandalised guards had meantime seized the offending cameras, and all the students involved in the excessively democratic scene were summoned to the Imperial Household for a sharp reprimand and a blunt demand for an abject apology.

"We were astonished how unchanged is the mind of the ordinary Japanese," declared the indignant spokesman for the students.

This official of the Imperial Household had the effrontery to declare that he flatly disagreed with the Emperor's youngest brother, Prince Mikasa, who has stated that he wished the Japanese Imperial Family to act like the British Royal Family.

"It is all very confusing for us young students."

Taft Boomed By Labour Pickets

Santa Cruz, Sept. 13. Senator Robert Taft, Republican of Ohio, skirted the picket line amid a chorus of boos last night to enter the Santa Cruz Municipal Auditorium where he defended the Taft-Hartley Labour Reform Law.

Some 200 pickets, representing the AFL and CIO Unions in this area, were marching along in front and besides the Auditorium when Taft arrived to speak on the labour law which he co-sponsored.

Senator Taft spoke before the California Bar Association in the Far West to test his chances for Republican presidential nomination.

The Senator was laughing as he walked into the side door of the Auditorium shortly before 8 p.m.

The pickets booed and shouted "Wallace for 1948." Among the signs they bore was one saying "Organised labour protests the Robert Taft union-busting, slave labour bill," and another which said the law was "Hell on unions, purgatory for business and paradise for lawyers."—United Press.

Some landlords, wishing to avoid punishable dealings in foreign currency, base their rents according to the market value of a stipulated quantity of flour. Thus one can rent a house for, say, twelve bags of flour a month. One thing good about Peking is that nobody asks for key-money, though some landlords, taking a lesson from their Shanghai cousins, request five or six months' rent in advance.

All places of amusement here close at midnight, and the curfew is imposed an hour later. Only persons with special passes are allowed on the streets after that time.

The curfew, however, is a minor inconvenience, as most of the city goes to bed long before one a.m.

For people in diplomatic or military service, Peking is preferred to any other city in advance.

Under what circumstances should a player bid another playable suit after his partner had shown adequate support for and was shown South won, drove

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Yes, son, India has wanted self-government for a long time, and so has your father!"

Life In Peiping Is Good Today

By SPENCER MOOSA

Prices in Peiping, while appreciably lower than those in Nanking and Shanghai, have risen sharply in the past few weeks.

Street-cars and bus fares have been almost doubled, power rates boosted by about 25 percent, and the cost of coal marked up 50 percent. The city's leading hotel has hiked its charges by 33 percent from September 1st, a blow to residents who for the past couple of months have been paying—and must continue to pay—a surcharge simply but pointedly labelled, "Educational Tax 12%."

Traders here say that the volume of trade in Peiping, once a thriving trans-shipment centre for furs and other goods exported through Tientsin, has dwindled to a faint hearted trickle.

Although the populace generally accepts higher prices as an unavoidable adjunct to the civil war, it is concerned by sharp increase in the price of coal, as the winter in Peiping is long and bitterly cold.

One reason for the mounting cost, which threatens to soar still further when the winter sets in, is the flooding of part of the Mentoukou mines, less than 20 miles west of Peiping, as a result of heavy rain.

Transportation difficulties have affected another major source of supply, the great Kailan mines northeast of Tientsin, and there is little sign at present that the fuel situation will improve.

As part of a power-conservation plan, blackouts are effected nightly in Peiping, but vary according to the locality from about 20 minutes to several hours.

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China, and a transfer elsewhere is considered bad news.

There is an abundance and variety of food here. There is no rationing and none is contemplated. Besides this, the skirts of the city provides a wide range of wines and liquors at a low cost and ranging from a surprisingly palatable champagne to a reasonably good gin.

Peiping saw its heyday when it was the seat of the Chinese Government, and the foreign Ambassadors and Ministers lived in that unique town within a town, the Legation Quarter, which was under their own administration.

Today some of the Powers which used to keep an Ambassador in Peiping do not station even a Consul here. The Legation Quarter has passed to Chinese administration. Some of the former Embassy compounds are either vacant or only partly occupied, while several, such as the Japanese and German have been taken over by the Chinese authorities.

The small foreign population of the city has declined substantially with the departure of many Soviet citizens for their homeland and will dwindle further when more follow.

But, although business might be moribund and prices continue upward, life in Peiping is good even to people of modest means, particularly to travellers from countries where food is scarce, housing limited and servants out of the question.—Associated Press.

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PLANS FOR CUSTOMS UNION GET UNDER WAY IN PARIS

France And Italy Go Ahead

Paris, Sept. 13.
France and Italy today set up a joint commission to study a proposed customs union between the two countries.

A declaration signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by M. Georges Bidault, Foreign Minister, and Signor Campilli, chief of the Italian delegation to the 16-nation European economic conference on the Marshall plan, said that the mixed commission would examine whether such a union would be a step towards the two countries taking part in the larger European customs union, proposals for which were being discussed by 13 members of the European Committee.

The French-Italian Commission has been instructed to report to the two Governments before the end of this year.

Delegates of the 16 European nations discussing the Marshall offer in Paris were today getting down to the last-minute task of revising their final report in the light of the six-point American amendment plan communicated to the Executive Council of the European economic conference by Mr. William Clayton, United States Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs, last Wednesday.

European Union?

Intensive work will be needed to get this task completed by Monday week, the day suggested by Sir Oliver Franks, British chairman of the Committee, as the "probable" new deadline for final drafting of the report.

Officials of the conference are expected to have a crowded week with long and late hours of work, only interrupted when some of the delegates have to consult their Governments on some of the proposed changes.

These changes, although not lengthy, are expected to be significant.

The question of the proposed European customs union, much favoured by some leading members of the United States ad-

ministration, will be studied separately by a special group of delegates.

Take Years

Switzerland, Sweden and Norway will not be represented in this group because they have said that they are not prepared at this stage to take part in such a union.

Dr. Max Trossel, heading the Swiss delegation to the Paris talks, said in a report published in Bern today, that his Government did not believe that a European customs union would yield the immediate economic relief from which Europe was clamouring.

Such a project, described in Paris as one of the few by which Europe could help herself without American aid, would take years to realize, he said.

Switzerland had no intention of developing her economic relations in a one-sided fashion and linking them up to one group either in the East or in the West.

—Reuter.

GERMAN P.O.Ws. ESCAPE BY BOAT

Southampton, Sept. 13.

A combined sea and air search in the English Channel for the 16-ton cutter, *Penneth*, missing from its moorings for a week and thought to have escaped German prisoners of war on board was called off today when no trace was found of the vessel. Earlier today, two small vessels and *Mangilia* aircraft were detailed to aid British destroyers in the search. The skippers of ships in the Channel were warned to keep a look-out for the cutter which is valued at \$350,000. —Reuter.

Racial Trial In Germany

Stuttgart, Sept. 13.

The first trial of Germans by a German court on charges of racial persecution will open on Sept. 22 in a de-Nazification court sitting in the school hall in Feuerbach, a suburb of Stuttgart.

All such charges of crimes against humanity have hitherto been tried by Allied military courts.

The eight accused are Theodor Baumann and Alfred Brack, technical directors, Richard Nitsche and Gotthelb Kuntz, shop stewards of the Nazi Labour Front and four German foremen all formerly employed at a branch factory of the Robert Bosch electrical firm, which was situated in the concentration camp at Langenleial, Silesia. —Reuter.

Amnesty Offered To Guerillas On Greek Borders

Athens, Sept. 13.

The Greek Parliament today approved a decree granting an amnesty to all guerillas who laid down their arms immediately.

The decree was approved after lengthy discussions lasting well into the night.

The decree will come into force on the day of its publication in the official journal.

A month's grace has been granted, but it may be prolonged by Royal decree on the recommendation of the Ministers.

Meanwhile, it was reported that British intelligence sources and quarters close to the Greek General staff reported that "something abnormal" had been going on in the last few days near the Greek frontier between Guev Hell and Lake Doiron on Yugoslav territory.

They were unable to state, however, the precise nature of the reported "events".

Deportation of 34 Greek officers, decided on before formation of the new Government, was suspended today by order of Themistocles Sophoulis, the Prime Minister.

The officers, known to hold Left Wing opinions, are accused of taking part in a mutiny in the Greek forces in the Middle East.

The decision dropping charges of breaches of discipline during the war against 1,500 Greek seamen was communicated to Greek consular offices and port authorities by the Ministry of Marine. —Reuter.

Taft Sounds A Warning

Santa Cruz, Calif., Sept. 14.

Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, said today that "we can not go on" with the present pace of exports of food and other vital commodities to foreign countries and at the same time reduce costs of living in the United States.

Taft estimated the total value of shipments overseas at \$15,000,000,000 a year.

The Senator told a news conference that he could not estimate "percentage-wise" the effect of America's export programme on price levels at home, but added that "we can not go on at a rate of \$15,000,000,000 a year without it having some effect on prices. Some control is needed."

He declared that President Truman was given authority to exercise such control on exports, and said it should be used more fully. —Associated Press.

DOS PASSOS IN ACCIDENT

Boston, Sept. 14.

John dos Passos, 61, American novelist and playwright, lost his right eye as a result of an automobile accident late on Saturday in which his wife Katherine was killed. Associated Press.

Edinburgh Festival Of Music

Edinburgh, Sept. 13.

Edinburgh's first international festival of music and drama finished tonight when carolers were rung down on the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Compagnie.

Sir John Falconer, chairman of the Festival Society, is already planning next year's promotion, told a large gathering at the Festival Club. "Edinburgh as a festival city has been launched—may this proper and develop and may she be worthy of the role entrusted to her."

Dr. Bruno Walter, who travelled specially from the United States to appear with the Vienna Philharmonic, is spending the next fortnight on holiday in Switzerland with his daughter.

After visiting Amsterdam, they will return to London for performances of the Vienna Philharmonic and are due to leave for the United States on November 1. —Reuter.

Mysteries In Soviet Zone

Berlin, Sept. 13.

Three more disappearances from the Soviet Zone of Germany were reported today, making a total of 20 in the past few weeks.

Today's disappearances were given as:

1. Herr Heinrich Stuecker, Mayor of Muelhausen, in the Soviet Zone, who fled to the United States Zone.

2. Dr. Mantney, an official of the Mecklenburg Ministry of Education, whose destination was not yet known.

3. Counsellor Simon, a former Luftwaffe officer in charge of cultural affairs in the Mecklenburg Province, who also fled into the United States Zone.

Commenting on yesterday's statement by the German news service in the United States Zone that Dr. Theodor Pflieger, who had been previously reported missing from the Soviet Zone, was in the American Zone on a lecture tour, the Telegraph said that all furniture had gone from his Weimar flat and his friends there were convinced that he had disappeared. —Reuter.

Around The World

London:—Crisis sign in shop window: "Belts tightened—three holes for sixpence."

ZURICH:—The formation of the United Nations Organization for European children's relief was announced today. J. Lubbock, United Nations representative for European Children's Relief, said the organization would be known as UNAC—United Nations Action for Children. He told a press conference the majority of United Nations members, including the United States, had accepted a proposal for the establishment of such organizations. He said Russia had not disclosed its decision.

LONDON:—Two hundred and six yearlings were sold for a new world total of 597,725 guineas at Tattersall's yearling sales, which were completed today at Doncaster race-track. The previous best total was 539,280 guineas at Newmarket in 1945. The sales were featured by the spectacular buying of the Galkwar of Baroda who, for the third year running, bought the highest priced yearling—this time "Big Game," a colt out of "Cap d'Or" for 14,000 guineas. The Galkwar paid 28,000 guineas—a world's record price—in 1945 for "Sayajirao" and 16,000 guineas last year for "Star of Gujarat."

FOLKESTONE:—A 500-lb. sea mine, towed in to Folkestone Harbour last night by a fishing boat, was scheduled to be dismantled today by a salvage boat. Channel services from the port operated as usual, although steamers passed within 100 yards of the mine. Choppy water delayed dismantling of the mine. —United Press.

Domination Of Europe A Boomerang?

Washington, Sept. 13.

An American religious leader said today that a tour of Europe this summer convinced him that "Russia's attempt to taken over Europe and the world" eventually would "boomerang and destroy the Communists."

Dr. O. H. Garman, civil affairs director for the American Council of Christian Churches, made the statement in an official report to Secretary of War Kenneth C. Royall. The Council claims a membership of 1,000,000 Protestants.

Garman's report was one of four received by Royall this far, from 14 clergymen who toured Europe under War Department auspices.

"Every one of our own troops included, is waiting for the first shot that will start a final conflict between the Communist oppressors and democratic nations," said Garman. He said Russia is blocking reconstruction and causing confusion in Europe. In the knowledge that the Communists are

ITALY RATIFIES TREATY

London, Sept. 13.

The Government of India have authorised Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner in London, to deposit the instrument of ratification of the Italian peace treaty.

Mr. Menon is flying to Paris tomorrow for the purpose and will return to London on Tuesday. —Reuter.



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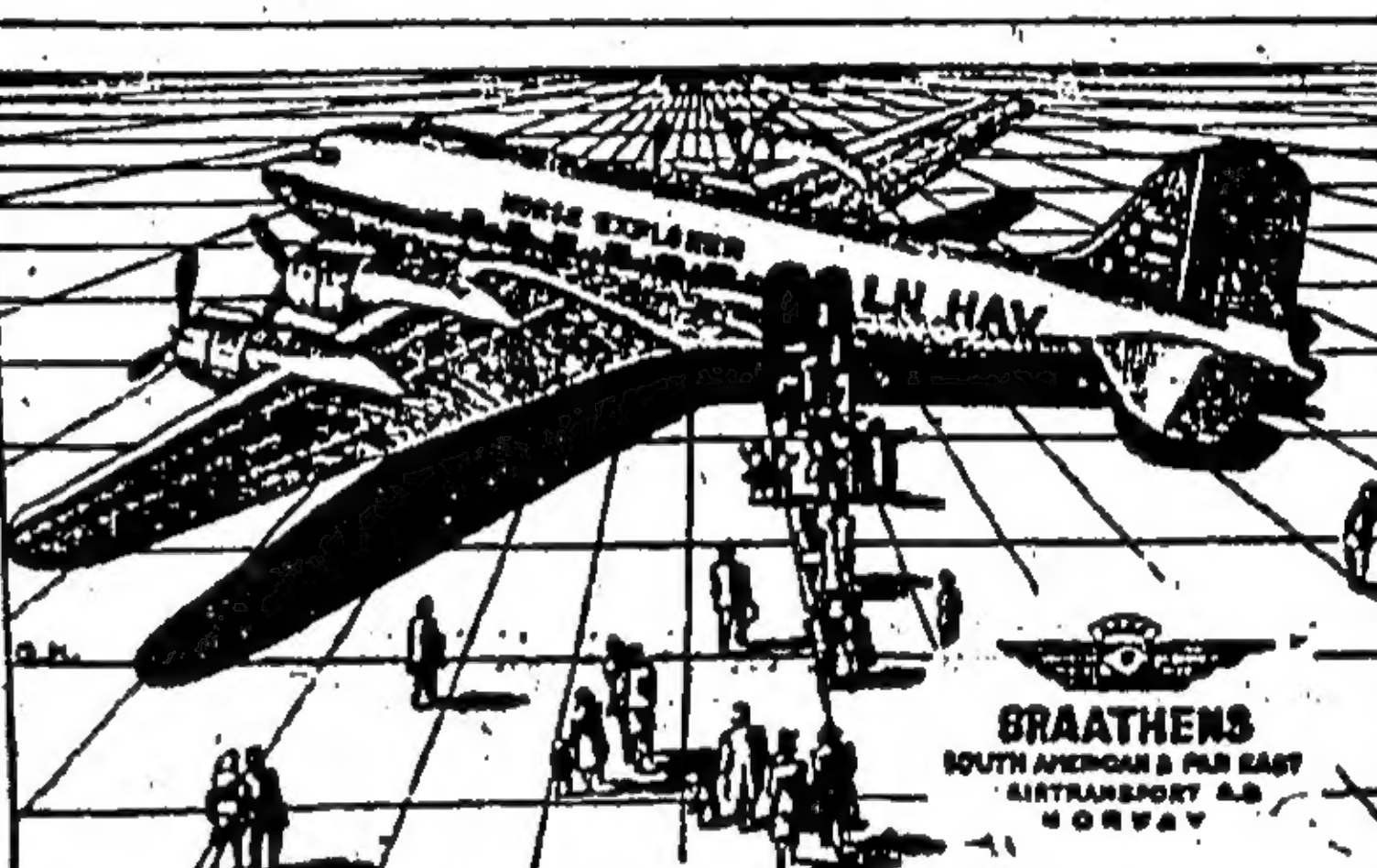
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THE ST. LEGER SPECTACULAR FINISH

Doncaster, Sept. 13.
The Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda won Britain's last classic of the season, the St. Leger, with his colt Sayajirao after one of the most spectacular finishes in the long history of the race. Only half a mile from home Sayajirao was the last of a field of eleven starters, and his supporters must have feared the worst. But, superbly ridden by his Australian-born jockey, Edgar Britt, he hit the front two furlongs from home after an amazing dash from the rear and warded off a determined last-minute challenge from the French invader Arbar, to win by a head, with the favourite, the Aga Khan's Migoli, three lengths further away third, and the Derby winner, Pearl Diver, fourth.

It was by a similar spectacular dash that the Gaekwar was present to watch his colt, for which he paid the record price of 20,000 guineas as a yearling, win this coveted prize. He left India only yesterday, reached London at 2.30 o'clock this morning, and, sleepless, flew on to Doncaster in his private plane.

There was heavy support for "Young Dante," as this younger brother to the Derby winner Dante is called, and he started second favourite at nine to two. His win brought the first overseas success to his owner, who has been a lavish spender on blood stock in Britain, to his jockey, and to his trainer, Sam Armitage, born in Yorkshire.

Wearing the now familiar white sheepskin noseband, the son of Neneus was surrounded by a large crowd as he was led into the unsaddling enclosure. There were cheers too for the gallant jockey Arbar and the beaten favourite Migoli.

Slow Pace

Most critics thought that the extra quarter of a mile would prove too much for "Young Dante" and that Migoli was sure to beat him again as he did in the Derby, but it was the grey favourite that was found wanting, being beaten one furlong out.

The champion jockey, Gordon Richards, who rode Migoli, said that the slow pace of the race was all against him. He was unable to quicken sufficiently in the critical stages, Richards said. Charlie Elliott also said that the slow pace of the race did not suit Arbar, of whom he said: "He is still a baby. He was always tracking the leaders, Britt, to whom I give full credit, gained a fine run on the rails on Sayajirao, while Arbar was still running Green Piker with his head in the air and did not get down to business quickly enough to peg back the winner."

Soft Going

The Derby winner, Pearl Diver, unsuited by the going, which was a little softer after overnight drizzling, did well to run into fourth place. His owner, Baron de Windt, said he did well under the circumstances, and he will bring the horse back to England next year to try his luck as a four-year-old.

The Gaekwar said that Sayajirao too will be kept in training another year, so that these two will have a chance to battle again.

Bookmakers are greatly relieved that the verdict went in favour of the Indian Prince's horse, despite his heavy support today. The French horse Arbar had been extremely heavily supported from long odds downward, and his success would have hit the bookmakers hard.

Of the other runners, none of the outsiders, not even White Way, who was supposed to have unlimited stamina, failed to stay the course, and the race resolved, as most experts predicted, into a battle between the "Big Four."

Overnight and early morning rain appeared to have some effect on attendance, which was not quite as heavy as expected, although buses, trains and even aircraft unloaded, passengers, in their tens of thousands, from dawn.

Good Start

At the starting gate, Merry Quip and Tite Street were inclined to be reticent and Pearl Diver rather obstinate, but Arbar, whose temperament had been suspected, was remarkably calm and cool.

Captain Allison got his field away to an excellent start, Bow and Arrow making the running from White Way, Chirodipod and Blue Coral, with Sayajirao and Tite Street in the rear.

After going three furlongs Bow and Arrow was still in the lead with Merry Quip, White Way and

JAVELIN CHAMPIONS



Winners of the women's Javelin Throw at the World University Games in Paris on Aug. 29 were—Matild Regbanky, Hungary (centre), first; Schilling, Austria (left), second; and Kohnke, Hungary (right), third. (A.P. Photo)

Arsenal, Bradford Fail To Win

London, Sept. 13.
Although no team in the major football league has shown a 100 per cent record for the three weeks of the season to date four clubs are still unbeaten.

Arsenal and Bradford today failed for the first time this season to win their match, Arsenal being held to a goalless draw by Preston while Bradford, making their first visit to London, were beaten by the Arsenal's neighbours, Tottenham.

West Bromwich Albion, Queen's Park Rangers and Bournemouth are the other teams, with Arsenal, who have yet to lose this season.

Among teams who were beaten for the first time were Carlisle who crashed heavily to concede seven goals, and York who led at half-time, only to be outplayed afterwards.

First Wins

The other side of the picture gave Blackburn, Plymouth and Millwall their first victories of the season, leaving Swindon, Leyton Orient, Hartlepool and Oldham as the only teams among the 88 comprising the four major English leagues waiting for their first victory.

Arsenal showed at Preston that their defence has regained its old-time masterful solidity with Leslie Compton, back from Middlesex cricket, a dominating figure at centre half. Bradford, still at the top of the second division, drew the Tottenham forwards into free-

All the Australian tries came from their speedy wings but the tourists as a whole acquitted themselves satisfactorily.

With the ground still on the hard side, club sides registered some high scoring performances. The following were Rugby Union results:

Devon & Cornwall 7, Australians 17, Bedford 3, London Irish 9, Cardiff 29 Bristol 0, Exeter 33, Exmouth 3, Hull 29, Sheffield 6, North 10, Maccles 0, Northampton 34, Headingly 5, Pontypool 0, Cross Keys 8, Torquay 13, Redruth 0, Cheltenham 3, Abertillery 11, Old Blues 0, St. Mary's Hospital 8, Bradford 8, Sale 8, Coventry 22, Metropolitan Police 3, Gloucester 23, Lydney 2, Leicester 31, Bath 13, Newport 8, Newbridge 5, Plymouth 8, Bridgewater 8, Swansea 23, London side 11, Weston-super-mare 10, Ebb Vale 8.

Rugby League

Belle Vue 2, Warrington 7, Rochdale 3, Leigh 5, Widnes 18, Barrow 8, Liverpool 8, Stanley 8, Warrington 17, St. Helens 28, Oldham 2, Wigan 60, Swinton 22. Rugby League Yorkshire Cup: 1st round, second leg. Dewsbury 21, York City 10, Am-
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Kramer And Parker In The Finals

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Kramer defeated Jaroslav Drobny of Czechoslovakia, 2-6, 3-3, 6-0, 6-1.

The lean, bespectacled Parker outlasted veteran Jack Bromwich of Australia, 6-3, 4-6, 5-3, 6-8, 8-6 in a tedious match before 12,000 fans.

Kramer and Parker will meet on Sunday in an "all Los Angeles" final.

Miss Margaret Osborne of San Francisco, who was the lucky brown-haired Wimbledon champion, reached the women's final, defeating slender Miss Doris Hart of Miami, 7-5, 7-6.

Miss Osborne will meet on Sunday the winner of the semi-

Stanley Shield Soccer

Three and a half hours of entertaining football were witnessed at the Club ground yesterday when the Second Round games of the Stanley Shield Charity competition were played off.

Club "A" beat R.A.F. "A" by the odd goal in three. Redman scored both goals for the Club and was well supported by his team mates.

St. Joseph's, who split their earnings into two equally strong sides, had the satisfaction of seeing both entering the next round. These games reveal that Saints have a wealth of talent among their youngsters who, with proper coaching, should be able to field a fairly strong side in the First Division.

Organisation left little to be desired. Ten games were played and there was no delay between matches.

Results:—
Docksyard 0, Royal Navy "B" 4
South China 0, Ring Tao 5
Chinese Athletic "A" 2, 25th R.A. 3
R.A.F. "A" 1, Club "A" 2
St. Joseph's 4, 25th R.A. 2
Taihook 4, Police "B" 0
St. Joseph's "A" 4, 25th R.A. "B" 0
Royal Navy "A" 4, Chinese Centre "B" 1
Docks "B" 0, Kin. Motor Bus 1
R.K. Electric 1, N.N. Hospital 5

American Baseball

New York, Sept. 14.

American

St. Louis 1, 0 1
Washington 0, 0 8 1
Winning pitcher Cliff Fanning.
Cleveland 2, 4 0
Boston 3, 7 1
Winning pitcher Earl Johnson.
Detroit 2, 5 2
New York 5, 8 1
Winning pitcher Bobo Newsum.
Chicago 2, 5 2
Philadelphia 9, 16 0
Winning pitcher Bill Dietrich.

National

Brooklyn 8, 19 1
St. Louis 7, 17 0
Winning pitcher Vic Lombardi.
Chicago (1st game) 7, 10 0
Philadelphia 3, 14 1
Winning pitcher Johnny Miller.
Chicago (2nd game) 1, 8 3
Philadelphia 3, 12 0
Winning pitcher Judd.
Boston 8, 11 1
Pittsburgh 1, 7 1
Winning pitcher Johnson.
New York (1st game) 2, 4 2
Cincinnati 3, 8 0
Winning pitcher Johnny Vander.
New York (2nd game) 4, 14 1
Cincinnati 7, 11 0
Winning pitcher Perkowski.
—Associated Press.

AUSSIES BEAT DEVON AND CORNWALL

London, Sept. 13.
The Rugby Union season really got under way with the Australian tourists making an impressive start, beating Devon and Cornwall by a placed goal and four tries to a penalty goal and a dropped goal.

1st round, first leg. Featherstone Rovers 5, Castleford 9, Hull 20, Batley 6, Hull Kingston Rovers 11, Wakefield Trinity 18, Huddersfield 43, Bramley 3, Leeds 11, Salford 5, York 7, Halifax 16, Hunslet 8, Keighley 14.—Reuter.

ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

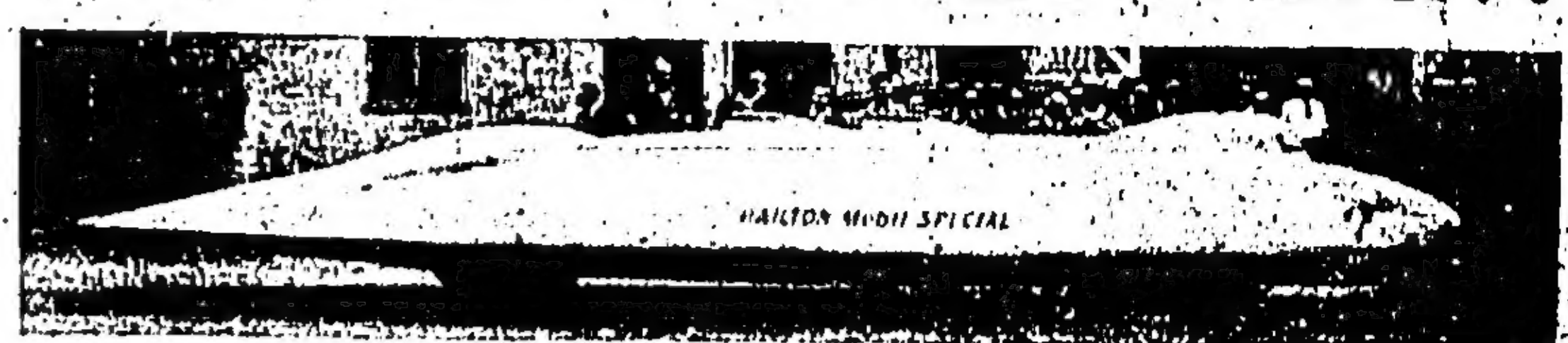
London, Sept. 12.

Overseas orders received so far at the British Engineering and Marine Exhibition in London were described today as rather disappointing, but an official stated that the exhibition's full effect on sales abroad was not expected until later.

Buyers from 72 countries, including India and Pakistan, have attended the exhibition—the biggest of its kind ever held in Britain—which opened here on August 28.

More than 200 factories, mostly from India and Pakistan, are exhibiting in the exhibition, which is being held at the Royal Albert Hall.

WORLD'S FASTEST CAR?



An Associated Press message from Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, says that John Cobb's mighty twin-engined car was tuned up on Saturday night for a dawn attack on the World Land Speed Record of 800.7 m.p.h. (which Cobb himself set in 1939). No further news was received, indicating that the attempt had been postponed at the last moment. Cobb's car—the "Hailon-Mobil Special"—has two Napier 12-cylinder engines of 1,250 h.p. each and is 28 feet long, 8 feet wide and only 4 feet high. The entire body lifts off the chassis to enable him to enter the car with whizz—he hopes to exceed the unofficial speed of 375 m.p.h. he attained in a trial run on Friday.

Unruly Crowd Mars Boxing Display

Yesterday's Chinese Amateur Boxing Championship Contests in aid of the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Flood Relief Funds turned out to be another exhibition of gate-crashing and unruly behaviour on the part of Chinese spectators, who swarmed into the enclosure from all directions.

Spectators who had booked their seats in advance for \$50 found their seats occupied and had no alternative but to stand throughout.

Repeated appeals to the crowd to retire from the enclosure and to purchase tickets had no effect, not even when they were informed that the gate receipts were for the aid of their more unfortunate brethren. Finally, in desperation, the crowd was informed that all officials and the Press would take the lead in leaving the enclosure. Far from having the desired effect, the crowd remained firm and when the Press returned, reporters found themselves without a seat.

Police were called to the scene in an attempt to restore order, but their efforts proved futile. As for the contests, the majority of these taking part did not seem to possess much knowledge regarding ringcraft and on the whole were prone to indulge in blind slogging. As a result, a lot of energy was expended hitting the air.

The best fight of the afternoon, although it lasted only one round, was that between Liu Hon-ming and Tang Yan. Liu proved himself to be a boxer of no mean ability. He possesses plenty of speed and packs a terrific wallop in both hands. He created a very favourable impression and every one regretted that they did not have an opportunity of seeing him in action for a longer period.

From the start, Liu swept into the fray like a tornado and had Tang groggy with stinging blows to the head and body. Tang's face was a gory sight and not only was the carpet spattered with blood, but so were the clothes of spectators near the ringside. If the bell had not gone, Tang would undoubtedly have gone down for the full count under the sledge-hammer blows he was receiving.

The South China team of footballers beat the Singapore Chinese Football Association three goals to nil in a game played today.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Sept. 14.
The note issue of the Bank of Japan showed an increase of 750,000,000 yen during the first 10 days of September, the Bank reported today, commenting that the average daily increase was small since the corresponding period of February, which showed an increase of 665,000,000 yen.—Associated Press.

R. Pulling
The exhibition bout between R. Pulling, seventh ranking lightweight in the United Kingdom, was a real treat and thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators.

Pulling fully upheld his reputation. His footwork was a pleasure to watch and the manner in which he side-stepped Liu and evaded punches drew forth rounds of applause.

Liu put up a very good performance against his more experienced and crafty opponent. He never gave up trying and showed that he has the makings of a really first class boxer.

The bouts were fought under the Rules of the Amateur Boxing Association, Mr. H.J. Clarke, P.R.O., discharged the duties of referee in a capable and efficient manner. Light Underwood and C.P.O. Sig. Mech. J. Perks acted as Judges. Mr. K.S. Lee was Timekeeper.

Mr. W.K. Kerrison, former Colony Champion and one of the most popular boxers to grace the local ring in the good old days, was an interested spectator and was observed giving "fatherly advice" to many of the youngsters.

Results
The following were the results:—

Middleweight (90 lbs)—Kong Chi-sun vs. Lui Lap-yan. This bout went the full three rounds and was won by Lui Lap-yan on points.

Mosquito Weight (100 lbs)—Wong Hui-hin vs. Lo On-On. The verdict went to Wong in the second round, Lo being disqualified after being repeatedly warned by the referee that he could

PRICE OF RICE DROPS

Shanghai, Sept. 14.
The steady influx of rice from Chungking and Wuhan districts sent the price of China's staple food down here today from CN\$600,000 (133 pounds) to about CN\$500,000.

The authorities arrested nine rice dealers for attempting to "disturb the market" and sentenced them each to nine days imprisonment.—United Press.

KMT And Youth Corps To Merge

Nanking, Sept. 14.

The 51-year-old Kuomintang started by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and its nine-year-old brother organization, San Min Chu I Youth Corps, organized by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will be merged into one new party after both approved the merger plan yesterday.

The new party will retain the old name of Kuomintang but re-enrolment is required by the party's reform programme which is expected to sift out undesirable elements.

Political observers considered the merger another major victory for Generalissimo Chiang who personally steered the measure through the party's session over strong opposition, especially from Youth Corps members, who expressed reluctance to amalgamate with a "party so corrupt as the Kuomintang."

Informed sources said Chiang has long insisted a merger for economy and strengthening the party by eliminating local conflicts between Party and Corps members.

The merger will come up for final rubber-stamping by the Seventh National Congress on May 5, 1948.—United Press.

SING TAO WIN FOR A CHANGE

Ilford, Sept. 13.
The Sing Tao tourists of Hong Kong beat Ilford, an Isthmian League side, by four goals to three here today after leading by three goals to one at half-time.

It was a great victory which the tourists gained against Ilford, who were kept at full stretch throughout by a side which played fast and attractive football and showed "disconcerting readiness to shoot."

Highlights of the game were the brilliant play of the Chinese left-wing which brought their second goal, an off the goal line clearance by Ilford's left back Sheldon and many fine saves by Langford but for whom Sing Tao would have scored even more goals.

Ilford fought back stubbornly to level the scores after being behind 3-1 at the interval but then the tourists came again and their left-half scored the best goal of the match with a 25-yard drive.

Penalty Saved
An equaliser seemed imminent when a penalty was awarded against Sing Tao but the goal-keeper saved brilliantly.

Ilford's defenders towered over the opposition but could not master the cohesive and thrustful attack.

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